



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held February 10, 2009, the Board took the following action:

35-A

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Ridley-Thomas:

“On Sunday, February 8, 2009, the members of St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in South Los Angeles arrived for their worship service to discover that their sanctuary and three other rooms, including a food bank and classrooms, had been vandalized and spray-painted with graffiti. In order for the intruders to gain entry into the main sanctuary, a stained glass window was destroyed.

“The intruders left no hate messages for the congregation, but damaged classrooms, stole a set of drums from the sanctuary, and sprayed the food bank with a fire extinguisher. To date, no arrests have been made in this crime.

“Although the elements of this vandalism does not necessarily fit into the category to establish it as a hate crime, which usually includes some type of bias motivation against the victim, due to the despicable nature of this vandalism against a house of worship, this crime warrants a review by the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission.

“In addition, residents should be encouraged to come forth with any information which may assist the Los Angeles Police Department in apprehending the perpetrators of this act of egregious vandalism.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Established a \$10,000 reward offered for any information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the vandalism of St. Mark's United Methodist Church located at 8305 South Gramercy Place in South Los Angeles which occurred between the hours of 5:30 p.m., Saturday, February 7, 2009 and 6:15 a.m., Sunday, February 8, 2009; and
2. Directed the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission to review the elements of this crime and report back to the Board within two weeks with their assessment and recommendations, if any.

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**NOTICE OF \$10,000 REWARD
OFFERED BY THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has established a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the vandalism of St. Mark's United Methodist Church located at 8305 South Gramercy Place in South Los Angeles which occurred between the hours of 5:30 p.m., Saturday, February 7, 2009 and 6:15 a.m. Sunday, February 8, 2009.

Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detectives Trejo or Nemeross at the Los Angeles Police Department at (213) 485-4175 and refer to Report No. 09-1207377.

The terms of the reward provide that:

- The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than May 11, 2009. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than July 10, 2009.
- The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$10,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes.
- The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate.

Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than July 10, 2009, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: St. Marks United Methodist Church Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579.

Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita más informacion, favor de llamar a este numero (213) 974-1579.

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